

*House of Representatives expected to pass legislation later today*

Washington, DC - Today, Congressman John Adler announced that the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act includes \$4.8 million for beach replenishment projects on Long Beach Island. The House of Representatives is expected to pass the bipartisan bill later today. Congressman Adler has consistently advocated for beach replenishment funds.

"This is great news for our shore communities," Congressman Adler said. "Beach replenishment funding is critical to our local economy. I am pleased that Congress is taking a step in the right direction and sending this money to help LBI and our local economy."

The Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act was approved by the Senate and House conference committee earlier this week. The final bill includes nearly five million dollars for beach replenishment projects from Barnegat Inlet to Little Egg Inlet. In addition, the bill provides \$334,000 for the dredging of Barnegat Inlet, and \$385,000 for the New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway project.

Congressman Adler has consistently urged the White House to fund beach replenishment projects in New Jersey in order to create jobs and help the Shore economy. In addition, Congressman Adler wrote a letter to the House and Senate Appropriations Chairmen articulating the need to maintain high levels of beach replenishment funding in the Conference report.

Congressman Adler helped secure \$11.7 million for Fiscal Year 2009 for beach replenishment on Long Beach Island. Earlier this year, Congressman Adler announced \$2 million under the recovery package for maintenance work across South Jersey and the shore area.